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Gourdier Remains at Head of Chamber

STRONG BOARD CHOSEN IN THE FINAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT FIRST MEETING OF NEW BOARD ON THURSDAY

The final step in the reorganization of the Torrance Chamber of Torrance was taken when the final election of the Board of Directors was held the first of the week, the votes being counted Tuesday evening. This will be the managing and directing head of the organization, corresponding to the Board of Directors of a large corporation. The members of new Board are as follows:

J. W. Post	John Glass
Alfred Gourdier	Benj. Harwood
Chas. Le Boeuf	H. H. Dolley
A. H. Bartlett	John Salm
Wilfred Leal	C. L. Bisbee
Dr. J. Lancaster	Carl Hyde
Geo. W. Neill	P. G. Briney

It is as representative a body of men as could have been chosen, and is a tribute to the wisdom of the plan under which the governing board is selected. It is truly home government, of, by and for the people—a truly representative form of government.

New Officers Chosen

The new Board held their first meeting at noon Thursday at the Roi Tan Cafe, and proceeded to the election of officers.

Alfred Gourdier, president of the old organization was unanimously elected president, and J. Wallace Post the treasurer.

The Board decided to recommend an amendment of the By-laws, at the next meeting of the full membership, to permit the selection of two vice-presidents from the membership at large. C. L. Bisbee and Carl Hyde were placed in nomination for these positions. As such, if the proposed amendment is adopted, they will become members of the Board of Directors, increasing the number to fourteen.

President Gourdier reported a membership in the chamber of 355, as a result of the campaign, and a working budget of over \$10,000.

The Board will meet every Tuesday at noon.

The first matter of importance to the community taken up by the new Board was the appointment of Messrs. Geo. A. Proctor, A. W. Malone and W. C. Von Hagen as a committee to cooperate with Prof. I. W. Barnett, principal of the Torrance schools, to make a survey of the needs of the community for more buildings and other facilities, to urge upon the Board of Education that proper provision for same be made in the new bond issue to be announced soon by that body. The Directors voted to put the full strength of the chamber behind this move for better school facilities for our city.

To complete the working plan for the reorganized chamber, a paid secretary is to be engaged, and a committee has been busy for some time endeavoring to secure the very best man obtainable for this highly important position. The success of the work of the chamber will depend largely on the calibre of man selected.

Many problems of the greatest importance to the present and future growth, prosperity and happiness of the community are pressing for solution, and we now at last have an organization capable of solving them.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion wishes to announce that it holds a well-conducted dancing party at its headquarters in Torrance every Saturday evening. Dancing from 8:30 to 12.

In the beginning our dancing parties were instituted to fulfill a long-felt want of the people of Torrance, and as the members of the local Post are all residents of Torrance, they believe that our dances should be conducted primarily for Torrance people. Therefore, the American Legion respectfully solicits the patronage and support of its friends and neighbors.

Basketball tonight, American Legion vs. Gardena Athletics, American Hall. Admission 25c.

City Election April 10th

ENTIRE NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO BE CHOSEN. BOND ISSUE TO BE VOTED ON FOR MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

ALL VOTERS MUST REGISTER AGAIN THIS YEAR BEFORE MARCH 10TH TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION.

The first annual election of the new City of Torrance will be held on April 10th.

Already candidates for the various positions open are grooming themselves for the race.

The time limit for the filing of nominations is at 12 noon, March 21. February 9th was the opening day.

No sample ballots are sent out at this election and no precinct cards. No candidate statements of receipts and expenditures are necessary.

The entire Board of Trustees is to be elected at this election. The first Trustees hold office for only one year unless reelected. At this election the two receiving the highest number of votes will hold office for four years, and the others for two years.

The City Clerk and City Treasurer are also positions to be voted upon at this election. The other city officials are appointed by the Board of Trustees.

An entire new registration of voters voters for all elections this year must be made after Jan. 1st of this year, and as the books close 30 days before election, all voters of Torrance wishing to vote at the coming City Election, April 10th, must register before March 10th. The city is now being canvassed for this purpose, Mrs. Beckwith for Vista Highlands and Mrs. Brown for the other part of town, but it is hard to find everybody at home; don't wait for the registrar, hunt her up. The Board of Trustees have instructed the City Clerk to secure deputization as registrar of voters—Mr. Deininger at the City Hall—for the convenience of the public, so there is no excuse for not registering.

A bond issue for \$50,000 for the improvement of Carson, Arlington, and parts of El Prado and Marcelina streets, and \$50,000 for the purchase of the sewer farm and equipment for same to put it in sanitary and unobjectionable condition, are also to be voted upon.

American Legion Building To Be Enlarged at Once

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the local Post of the American Legion it was decided to proceed at once with the completion of the local headquarters. The Legionnaires are going to do the work themselves, with Contractor N. H. Reeve, a member, in charge of the work. All work is to be rushed to completion and, barring inclement weather, it is expected to be finished within the next two weeks.

Every Legionnaire who can possibly do so is urgently requested to present himself tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon for the purpose of lending his assistance in getting in the foundation work. Every hour donated means that much saved for the Post, and it is expected that a large percentage of the membership will be on the job every spare minute.

A GOAT QUARTETTE

If the present rate of increase in the goat census continues Vista Highlands will become noted soon as the center of the goat fanciers' paradise and these little dairy animals will furnish the milk supply for a large population. And this statement is emphasized by the presence of four little Toggenburg kids that have arrived at the home of the mother goat at the E. Barkdull place. The mother "Tog" is said to be quite proud of her four little kids which are now about two weeks old and as hearty and vigorous as any of that virile breed.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

Torrance Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting on Monday, February 27th, at 2:30 p. m., in Legion Hall. A good program is being arranged. Mrs. Urquhart will be present at the meeting on March 13th.

Legion Auxiliary Changes Meeting Night

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, of Torrance, held their regular business meeting in Legion Hall Monday, Feb. 20th. A great deal of business was transacted, including a very favorable report from the committee on the St. Valentine's ball given by the organization on Tuesday of last week.

The Post having changed their meeting nights from the second and fourth Thursdays to the first and third Mondays, this was accepted by the unit as their meeting night, and all members will please note that the stated meetings of the unit are changed to the first and third Mondays of each month.

Many requests have been made by the patrons of the Legion and Auxiliary dances for another dance like the one of Feb. 14th. The matter was discussed and it is believed that the Auxiliary will give another dance on April Fool's night but it was not definitely decided.

All ladies of Torrance are cordially invited to join this new though rapidly growing organization. One must be the wife, mother, daughter, or sister of a Legionnaire to belong to the Auxiliary, or the wife, mother, daughter or sister of one who met his death in the World War.

Tag Day For Torrance Relief Society to be Held

The Torrance Relief Society of Torrance finds itself in need of funds, and for the first time since its organization in November, 1918, is about to make a direct appeal to the public for money with which to carry on its work.

At times, such as at the Fiesta, when all other organizations strive to add to their funds, the Torrance Relief Society does not enter into competition, believing that its usefulness in the community is so well understood that when it asks its call will be answered.

Monday, March 6, 1922, is the date set for a Tag Day. The society is confident that not a person in this community will refuse the appeal.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Compton school authorities thought it necessary to close their school for the time being, on account of the flu epidemic.

Mrs. Renowden of the fourth grade in the Torrance school, and Mr. Mowry of the high school, were out of school on Monday of this week on account of sickness. Mr. Mowry is back on the job again, but Mrs. Renowden will probably be out all this week. The epidemic is spreading through all parts of the city, and there has been as many as from six to twelve teachers out of one school.

Mr. Cruzan, who is a teacher in the Torrance high school, has moved his family from Long Beach to Torrance. They have a lovely apartment at the Castle. Mr. Cruzan has been teaching in the Torrance school since the first of September.

TORRANCE THEATRE PROGRAM

MR. and MRS. J. C. McVEY, Managers

Monday, February 27, 1922

Walter McGrail, Ruby De Remer, Lewis S. Stone in

"PILGRIMS OF THE NIGHT"

Adapted from the novel, "PASSERS BY"

Tuesday, February 28

Elaine Hammerstein in

"THE WAY OF A MAID"

and "COUNTRY STORE"

Wednesday, March 1st

Viola Dana in

"THE MATCH BREAKER"

Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3

SPECIAL—Harold Lloyd in one of his latest and best Comedies

"NEVER WEAKEN"

and Constance Talmadge in

"LESSONS IN LOVE"

Don't Miss This Big Program

Saturday, March 4

Eugene O'Brien in

"CHIVALROUS CHARLEY"

A Comedy of Real Life

Ruth Roland in Comic and Scenic Reel

"THE WHITE EAGLE"

Sunday, February 5

SPECIAL FEATURE

Comedy and Pathe News

Coming—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 8, 9, and 10,

"THE SHEIK." Special music. Featuring Agnes Ayres and Rudolph Valentino.

Soon—Mae Murray in "PEACOCK ALLEY."

Rudolph Valentino in "CONQUERING POWER."

Carson Street Delegation Asks City to Pay Whole Cost Paving

The Board of Trustees met in adjourned session Saturday evening, February 18th.

Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was suspended.

Mr. Beckwith presented a petition signed by property owners residing outside the proposed Carson improvement district stating that they believed that the entire cost of paving Carson street should be borne by the city and not half by the property owners, as it was a through highway, used by the entire city.

Mr. Beckwith also presented as a reason for this argument that the property owners along this street had bought property along a paved street and the cost of this had been included in the price of their property, and the city should by right keep the road in repair, out of the general funds.

Mayor Proctor informed the delegation that the road had been improved by the county and not as a part of the general street work of the city by the Dominguez Land Corporation. Also that the street had not been paved, but merely covered with decomposed granite and oiled.

City Attorney Briney informed them that the state law provided that not only the original improving of a street but its upkeep as well, but the general practice—99 times out of a hundred—was for the city to pay for the upkeep out of the general fund, and this would undoubtedly be done here, but one Board could not bind the actions of another in regard to this as suggested by a member of the delegation.

Entertainment Given by Torrance Woman's Club

A good audience filled Legion Hall on Thursday night to attend the entertainment given by the Torrance Woman's Club. Mrs. Hum, pianist, played a group of Scotch selections.

Solos were given by Archibald Hawkins of Lomita, Mrs. Thistle being his accompanist. A group of songs were sung by Mrs. Kite; Mr. Charles Curtis gave a group, as did also Mrs. Gordon Groves of Lomita. Mr. Warren Webster sang two solos and the male quartette sang. Mrs. Fitzhugh was the accompanist for all of these.

A reading, "The Durned Fool," was given by Miss Thomas of Torrance and Lomita. The McDougall brothers of Lomita, Scotch entertainers, gave a number of songs and monologues. W. McDougall giving the following: "Dismal Jimmie," "The Caddie," "Nonsense" and "The Sailor's Yarn."

These were all given in costumes fitting the characters. James McDougall gave "He was Very Kind to Me," this being a female impersonation. The other pieces were, "Queen Among the Heather," "Roaming in the Gloaming," "Ta Ta Ma Bonnie Maggie Darling," "Out on the Bound-ing Ocean." Mr. McDougall was dressed in the kilts. During the intermission home-made candy was sold.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees met in regular session Tuesday evening. Mayor Proctor and R. R. Smith were absent on account of illness. Mr. Joe Stone was made chairman pro tem.

Written Communications

A letter from a stationery store offered the Auto Blue Book at a price of \$50 for use of the City Marshal as an aid in the detection of criminals. The Board stated the city's finances did not permit such an expenditure.

John F. Connell asked for price of rental of desk space, use of telephone, etc. The clerk was instructed to write him that the space in City Hall was now all occupied.

Oral Communications

Attention was called to the laying of gas pipes at any place the company desired instead of by the alleys, as in the rest of the city. The declaration of the Dominguez Land Corporation does not cover this section. Mr. Postle was instructed to look into the matter and report at the next meeting.

Standing Committees

Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Gascoigne visited the sewer farm Tuesday afternoon and found it in the best condition it had ever been since he came to the city—no standing water, weeds down and odor gone.

Mr. Fitzhugh asked for authority to buy a car of decomposed granite for use in repairing sidewalks. Some of the "hogwallows" can only be repaired by waiting until dry weather and use of the granite. The cost of a car is about \$100. Motion granting such authority was passed.

The City Clerk reported no answer from Southern California Edison Company as to street lights out of repair. Only one had been repaired so far. Some of the trouble is probably due to stolen fuses and plates should be replaced.

The clerk was instructed to write the Southern California Edison Company complaining about service maintenance of street lights.

The City Marshal reported wire bought for dog pound had been stolen.

Ordinance No. 20, regulating traffic of vehicles in city, had its second reading and passed as read.

Bill, regularly audited, and salaries, were ordered paid.

New Business

The City Clerk was authorized to purchase his office supplies as needed.

Meeting adjourned until 5 p. m. Thursday of this week.

"WHY-KNOTS"

(Torrance Whistle)

Pave Arlington Avenue.

Pave the road to Redondo.

Get action on the improvement of Western Avenue.

Get behind the men who are organizing the new building and loan association.

Tell all your friends that Torrance has the finest theatre in the Bay District.

Get some hustling transportation man to organize a local bus service.

Patronize Our Advertisers—

MR. HARWOOD SETS AN EXAMPLE

(Torrance Whistle)

"One of the first things every member of the Chamber of Commerce should do is to get the habit of buying at home. Benjamin Harwood manager of the Llewellyn Iron Works, started the ball rolling in this direction the first of the week by ordering two new suits from Sam Levy. Mr. Harwood has been patronizing Los Angeles tailors heretofore, but became so interested in the campaign that he decided to spend every dollar he could in Torrance. If every other man, who makes his living in Torrance will follow Mr. Harwood's example, our merchants an afford to make even larger subscriptions than they have to the Chamber of Commerce budget. Let us all make it a rule to try Torrance merchants first whenever we have anything to buy!"

And why not your printing at home?

The Torrance Whistle Chamber's New Organ

While millions of good Americans are whistling to keep up their courage, in Torrance the daily whistle of industry calls more than two thousand workmen to busy plants.

Truly the Torrance Whistle has a joyful sound. At the same time it has a compelling sound. To some it means opportunity—to others, duty. At noon it means respite from toil, relaxation and food. Toward evening, it reminds the housewife that her husband will soon be home. It tells the merchant to get ready for his 5 o'clock rush and it advertises to the whole community that a day of useful service is ready to join the long procession of days gone by.

In choosing our name for the official organ of the Chamber of Commerce, we have thought of scores of such commonplace names as "Bulletin," "News," "Times," "Topics," "Booster," "Journal," "Herald," "Chronicle," etc., but these names had no special meaning for Torrance. Therefore, we adopted the name "Torrance Whistle," because we hope this organ will serve as effectively in calling the attention of Torrance people to their civic duties and their social pleasures, as the whistle of industry in calling them to daily work and bread-winning responsibilities.

"The Torrance Whistle" will be mailed weekly to all members of the Chamber of Commerce, and we trust that they in turn will mail it to their friends in other places, so that it will perform a double duty.

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Two Hurlt to Death Under Electric Car

A terrible accident occurred on Saturday afternoon at 5:22 o'clock when G. F. Allen, of Torrance, was instantly killed and E. K. Olson, also of Torrance, was fatally injured at Ocean Avenue when their auto was struck by a Pacific Electric car under charge of B. M. Johnston and Conductor M. R. Sprague. Motorman Johnston, of San Pedro, said that he sighted the auto, which was attempting to pass the crossing ahead of the southbound Pacific Electric car and with the resulting accident. The injured man was taken to the Hillside hospital at San Pedro but remained in an unconscious condition and passed away on Sunday. It is said that neither of the unfortunate men were married and that neither had any relatives in this part of the country.

At the coroner's inquest testimony was given that the motorman sounded the whistle four times in order to avert the impending doom of the men in the auto, but the warning was of no avail and that E. K. Olson seemed to pay no attention to the possibility of a collision but rushed on and the auto was struck broadside and the wreckage carried a distance of forty feet in the fatal affair.

The interment was made in the Wilmington cemetery with the Spanish War Veterans in charge. Franklin Bell Post, No. 64, of which the two men were members, gave the ritualistic ceremony and a squad from Fort McArthur gave the last volley over the graves of their former comrades in arms.

WAGE INCREASE OFFERED

It is reported that the recent cut in the price of window glass compelled the Torrance Window Glass Works to lower wages in a corresponding degree, but recent developments have made a change for the better and the company is now offering an advance of ten per cent in wages. This offer was made earlier in the week and the matter was expected to have reached a favorable conclusion within a few days after the offer was made.